Advent Prayer

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou King of Glory, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Son of the living God and Son of David, we thank Thee that Thou hast enabled us to enter once more upon the holy season of Advent. We are still living in the day of grace, which Thou didst so gloriously prepare by Thine advent into the flesh, and as Thou didst once hold Thine entry into Jerusalem, Thou dost hold Thine entry among us, and dost still come to us by Thy holy Word and Sacraments.

O Thou, our Lord, come now unto Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Come with Thy gracious presence, that we may rejoice in Thee. Come and rule over us, that we may serve and follow Thee. Come with Thy love, humility, and perfect obedience, and let Thy lowliness be our glory. Forgive us our sin, and do not in anger cast away Thy servants; for Thou art meek and gracious. Clothe us with the garment of Thy righteousness, for Thou art the Lord our Righteousness. Satisfy us with the abundance of Thy house; for Thou didst become poor for our sakes, that we through Thy poverty might be rich.

Preserve, we beseech Thee, Thy beloved Church among us. Dwell and rule in the hearts of our baptized children. Preserve Thy believers in a state of grace. Strengthen the pastors and teachers of Thy holy Church, that they may proclaim Thy Word with boldness and power to the salvation of many souls, and keep them in purity of doctrine and holiness of life, that they may prepare the way for Thee. Grant that under the protection of our government and civil magistrates Thy Church may thrive and Thy kingdom ever come to us. Make us willing to give up all we possess, if need be, for Thy sake, inasmuch as Thou also for our sakes didst become poor. Bestow upon us, Thy grace, that, as Thy palm trees, we may flourish beneath the very cross, set our affections on things above, and be watchful and ready to receive Thee with gladness and serve Thee with a pure heart, until we shall enter the heavenly Jerusalem and lift up our voices to Thee in everlasting songs of praise. Hear us. Lord Jesus, for Thy holy name's sake. (The Lutheran Liturgy, p.327-328)

Romans 13:11-14

[11]And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. [12]The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. [13]Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. [14]But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

First Vespers for Advent One

November 28, 2026



"St. John, writing his letters and Gospel, on the island of Patmos" from **The Illustrated German Bible of 1483** (II. 557, often called the *Biblia Germanica* or the "Koberger Bible").

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Luther on John 3:19 *"...Because their deeds were evil."*

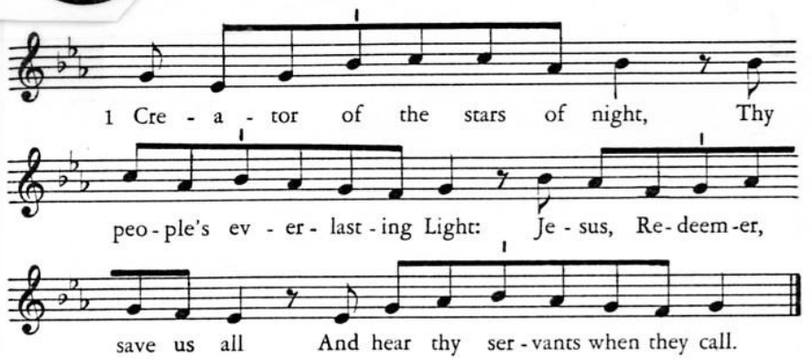
So this is the judgment: the world denies its sin, yes, even defends it; and thus one sin grows into seven. We should confess our sin, repent of our disobedience, and accept Christ. If people accepted the Light, they would think as I do and say: "I was a monk and an idolater for approximately fifteen years.[102] It was wrong, and I shall reform." If others did this, their sins would be remitted. Many of us are doing it; others, however, are obstinate and declare: "Well, should those people have a monopoly on knowledge?" **And thus they remain in darkness, hate and persecute the Light, and defend their darkness.** We, too, still have many such people in our midst. They not only sin, but they deny their sin, justify it, reject all reproof, yes, even expect to be honored and extolled in their wickedness. This is the work of the devil, who would like to extinguish the Light.

Wherever a preacher sees open vice in a city, he dare not hold his peace; he dare not preach to please man but must rebuke this vice. I dare not remain silent when I behold all types of vice, such as fornication, greed, usury, lying, and deceit; for that would be **depriving people of the Light.** However, if a pastor reproves the bakers for making their loaves of bread too small, this will be construed as slandering the shoemakers, the tailors, the butchers, and all the other trades. It is not enough that they sin; but they refuse to admit this, and they presume to defend themselves. In this way they reveal their love for darkness. But I appeal to you to turn to God and change your ways. If you have sinned, humble yourself and say: "If I have been making my loaves of bread too small, I shall make them larger in the future." Do not refuse admittance to the Light. But if you refuse to listen to reproof, then I ask you to come forth and preach in my stead. **It is my duty to be a preacher of the Light and to point out your sins to you; it is your duty to cease sinning and to shun the works of darkness.** We sorrow greatly that almost every nook and corner of our city bids fair to become a cesspool. But be on your guard. If you want to be children of the Light, you must walk in the Light forsake your evil ways, and refrain from grumbling and sulking. If you do not care to hear us, leave the church.

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Office Hymn for Advent

Creator of the Stars of Night



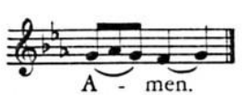
2 Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
Hast found the healing, full of grace,
To cure and save our ruined race.

3 Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to eventide,
The spotless Victim all divine
Proceeding from a virgin shrine.

4 At whose dread name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things celestial thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

5 O thou, whose coming is with dread
To judge and doom the quick and dead,
Preserve us from the ancient Foe
While still we dwell on earth below.

6 To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.



Text: 9th-century Office hymn; trans. John Mason Neale (1818–66), alt.
Tune: **Conditor alme siderum** (Sarum plainsong, Mode IV) LM

The Order of Vespers, p. 29
from ASBH The Psalter

Hymn "Creator of the Stars of Night" (insert)

+ Opening Verses
"O Lord, open Thou(†) my lips..."
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Hallelujah omitted in Advent

+ Psalmody
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ASBH #1 "Savior of the Heathen, Come"
Sermon
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